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Inventors: Wellington et al.  
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PROCESSING OF A  
HYDROCARBON  
CONTAINING FORMATION  
IN A REDUCING  
ENVIRONMENT

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

(under 37 CFR § 1.114)

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number 09/841,444, filed on April 24, 2001, entitled IN SITU THERMAL PROCESSING OF A HYDROCARBON CONTAINING FORMATION IN A REDUCING ENVIRONMENT.

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**Application Elements**

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2.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
3. Amendments  
 An amendment is enclosed.
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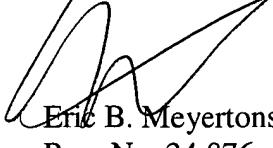
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If an extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, the appropriate extension of time is requested.

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